

RE: SB#16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME:

Like so many of Connecticut's "gun control laws" this legislation seeks to place further restrictions onto law-abiding gun owners as opposed to acting against those that are breaking the law in the first place. Rather than introducing legislation that would place greater emphasis on prosecuting those bad actors who commit gun violence, Governor Lamont seems to think it better to punish every gun owner instead.

Imagine for a minute a law was proposed that would ban "*insert racial or ethnic group here*" from enjoying or availing themselves of a Constitutionally protected Right or Freedom simply because of crimes committed by members of said "*racial or ethnic group*". I'd like to think our elected officials would find such a proposition anathema to them, yet when it comes to our Second Amendment rights, all bets seem to be off.

Profiling can be defined as **the act of suspecting, targeting or discriminating against a person based on the group they belong to, rather than on individual suspicion**. It involves discrimination against this group and often builds on negative stereotypes of the targeted demographic. This is precisely what is being done to gun-owners in this state, as these "gun control" laws punish the group instead of targeting only those that commit gun violence/crime.

Like it or not, as lawmakers you have a duty to represent ALL people of our state fairly, not just those that you agree with or who support you. Firearm owners come from all facets of society, so it is not just a single group these arbitrary laws affect. The laws affect people of all colors and political persuasions, all economic groups, all ages.

It is incumbent on you to find a middle ground, and that middle ground is not to strip the rights away from a significant, lawful constituency. Introduce and support laws that would seek to punish those that break the societal compact, not laws that have the potential to instantly make felons of law abiding, tax paying citizens. I oppose and urge you to oppose SB#16.

RE: HB 5416 (AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS):

HB 5416 seeks to put a restriction on the number of handguns a law-abiding citizen is allowed to purchase in a thirty-day period. This is a gross overreach by the judiciary. As a lawful gun-owner, we are subject to state and federal background checks whenever purchasing firearms. As such, we are deemed to be lawfully acquiring said firearms, so the number of firearms being purchased should be moot. This, like SB16, seems to be profiling law-abiding gun owners and preemptively punishing them for perceived intent. I oppose and urge you to oppose HB 5416.

RE: SB 388 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE): I support and urge you to support this act.

RE: HB 5412 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP): I support and urge you to support this act.

RE: HB 5415 (AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES): I support and urge you to support this act.

Sincerely,

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